

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1399
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2003
CESS ON PETROL/DIESEL
C. SREENVAASAN;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the collection through cess on petrol and diesel has been inadequate to meet the target of road development in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet this target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) As per Central Road Fund Act, the funds generated by levy of cess on petrol and diesel are utilised for the purpose of development of National Highways, State Roads, Rural Roads and Road Over Bridge/Safety at Railway level crossings. During last two years and the current year an amount of Rs.200.68 crore have been accrued for State Roads for Tamil Nadu under Central Road Fund, out of which an amount of Rs.104.63 crore has been utilised so far.